

Dear FCC,

In reference to the above proceeding, I would like to take the opportunity to voice my opinion and concern. The petition filed by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) to inhibit the broadcasting of nationwide available content of localized weather and traffic is without merit. The licenses granted to XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio by the FCC was done so under strict guidelines. These guidelines have not been violated, in my opinion.

The NAB has ulterior motives for filing this petition, in my opinion. The local content presented by members of the NAB is in fact not local. The broadcasts are done, in many cases thousands of miles away from the local listener. Sirius and XM broadcast local weather and traffic for the largest cities that can be heard from any subscriber in any city. I find this useful as I travel for my employer.

These satellite broadcast are a service to the paying subscribers of each satellite company and in no way a detriment to society. I am of the opinion that the FCC should support these two pioneering satellite broadcasters and aid them in developing their respective technologies. National security and public alerts should be of some consideration as these satellite companies broadcast to the entire lower 48 states.

I find the NAB more concerned about their advertising revenues than trying to compete fairly in the open market. It is obvious that consumers are willing to pay for content they want to hear. I say let the consumer chose between the content available from terrestrial and satellite providers.

The satellite radio providers supplement terrestrial broadcasters. Listening to one or the other is a matter of pushing a button. I ask that you let the consumer have a choice of broadcasters and consider that the consumer has to pay for satellite radio. What the NAB is asking of the FCC is analogous to making HBO cease in original programming.

Respectfully,

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